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1. Rudolf Feistmann, an editor of the SED newspaper, Neues Deutschland, has returned from an eleven-day visit in Prague, where he conferred with Zdenek Fierlinger, Minister of Industry; Peter Josef Plojhar, Minister of Health; Vaclav Kopecký, Minister of Information; and Dr. Antonin Gregor, Minister of Foreign Trade. These persons authorized him to report that they favor a unified Germany. In his conversation with Dr. Gregor, Feistmann was assured that Czechoslovakia is more than satisfied with the trade agreements being negotiated between Czechoslovakia and the Eastern Zone. He was requested, however, not to publish any of the details of the agreements.
2. Feistmann discussed the improvement of Neues Deutschland's Czechoslovakian news coverage with Kopecký and the Secretary-General of the Communist Party. They agreed that present sources of information are inadequate, but pointed out that political developments of the past two weeks make it possible to amend this fault immediately; precautions which were required when Communists were called "German agents" by reactionaries holding high governmental offices may now be dropped. It is probable that Neues Deutschland will send a regular correspondent to Prague. In this connection Sepp Schwab, Director of Neues Deutschland stated that negotiations have been under way for some weeks with the eastern European states and that only the question of the actual assignment of correspondents remains to be settled. Within the next three months Neues Deutschland reporters will be stationed in all capital cities of southeastern Europe.

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